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For : MEANS AND METHODS FOR MONITORING PROTEASE
INHIBITOR ANTIRETROVIRAL THERAPY AND GUIDING
THERAPEUTIC DECISIONS IN THE TREATMENT OF
HIV/AIDS

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Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO MARCH 27, 2002 OFFICE
ACTION AND PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in response to a March 27, 2002 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the March 27, 2002 Office Action was originally due June 27, 2002. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time. Applicants have previously established small entity status. The required fee for a three-month extension of time for a small entity is \$460.00 and a check for this amount is enclosed. Therefore, a response to the March 27, 2002 Office Action is now due September 27, 2002. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 34, with the following paragraph:

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